

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for such election, and to have same published as required by the Constitution and the amendments thereto.

SEC. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 9 passed the Senate, February 24, 1937, by a vote of 30 yeas, 0 nays; passed the House, with amendments, March 18, 1937, by a vote of 117 yeas, 6 nays; Senate concurred in House amendments, March 23, 1937, by a vote of 28 yeas, 0 nays.]

Filed in the Department of State, March 25, 1937, with the Governor's signature.

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
AUTHORIZING HARRIS COUNTY TO LEVY A TAX
FOR ROAD BUILDING PURPOSES.**

S. J. R No. 16.]

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article III, Section 52, of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 52d; providing that the Legislature may authorize by law, after a majority vote of the resident qualified electors owning taxable property therein, the adoption of a plan for the construction of paved roads and bridges or both in Harris County and in road districts therein; providing for the levy of a tax to pay for such construction; providing for the necessary proclamation; and appropriating funds to defray the expenses of the proclamation, publication, and election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article III, Section 52, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding thereto another section to be known as Section 52d, which shall read as follows:

"Section 52d: Upon the vote of a majority of the resident qualified electors owning rendered taxable property therein so authorizing, a county or road district may collect an annual tax for a period not exceeding five (5) years to create a fund for constructing lasting and permanent roads and bridges or both. No contract involving the expenditure of any of such fund shall be valid unless, when it is made, money shall be on hand in such fund.

"At such election, the Commissioners' Court shall submit for adoption a road plan and designate the amount of special tax

to be levied; the number of years said tax is to be levied; the location, description, and character of the roads and bridges; and the estimated cost thereof. The funds raised by such taxes shall not be used for purposes other than those specified in the plan submitted to the voters. Elections may be held from time to time to extend or discontinue said plan or to increase or diminish said tax. The Legislature shall enact laws prescribing the procedure hereunder.

"The provisions of this section shall apply only to Harris County and road districts therein."

SEC. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State on the fourth Monday in August, 1937, at which election all voters favoring such proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "For the amendment to the Constitution providing that Harris County and any road district therein may upon a vote of the people therein adopt a road plan and levy taxes for road and bridge construction in lieu of the issuance of bonds"; those voters opposing said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to the Constitution providing that Harris County and any road district therein may upon a vote of the people therein adopt a road plan and levy taxes for road and bridge construction in lieu of the issuance of bonds".

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution for amendments thereto.

SEC. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 16 passed the Senate, April 12, 1937, by a vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays; passed the House, with amendments, April 28, 1937, by a vote of 118 yeas, 4 nays; Senate refused to adopt House amendments, April 29, 1937, and Conference Committee appointed; Senate adopted Conference Committee report, April 30, 1937, by a vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays; House adopted Conference Committee report, April 30, 1937, by a vote of 115 yeas, 0 nays.]

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